



DISTRICT SEVEN COMMUNITIES

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Alvarado Estates
Chollas Creek
Colina del Sol
College Area
Del Cerro
El Cerrito
Fox Canyon
Grantville
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Spring Is In The Air

It's that time of year again. Yes, Spring has sprung in all its San Diego glory. And yes, we're coming up on Mother's Day.....don't forget Mom. But that's not why your Council person is whistling a cheery tune (though I am a Mom and I do love Spring). It's also Budget Season! And this year the City Council can actually embrace this annual ritual with enthusiasm instead of dread. For the first time in the four years I've represented District 7 on the City Council, this will be our first budget that actually restores neighborhood services. If we pinch some pennies and spend wisely going forward, the 2013 budget should represent a real turn-around for this City, after so many lean and mean years.

The Mayor and City Council have already restored hours at all our city libraries and recreation centers. We've approved new academies to train more police officers and firefighters. We are buying new fire boats for the Lifeguard Service. We continue to repair miles of long-neglected roads and sidewalks, and update our aging water and sewer systems.

The balanced budgets of the last four years and the financial transparency we now demand has earned San Diego a higher credit rating, a AA-, which allows us to borrow bond money at lower interest rates and fast-track our goal of rebuilding San Diego's aging infrastructure.

All of this, and we are just beginning our Budget deliberations. The month of May is "all Budget all the time," until the Mayor and City Council hammer out a plan that's balanced and meets the needs of our citizens. I invite you to watch the Budget hearings on City TV Channel 24, or come down to City Hall and join us in setting the stage for a brighter future.

And one more thing.....Happy Mother's Day to all our favorite ladies!

Thanks, Marti

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Library of the Future

Our public libraries may be soaring into the 21st Century in a big way! Just think of using your San Diego Library card to access every book, periodical and archive in every county, school and university library in San Diego County. Or think on this: having broadband access, courtesy of your neighborhood school and library. During budget talks, the City Council appears poised to enter into a new Circuit with all our regional libraries, possibly even as soon as this summer. That means greater access to more reading materials for library users.



The broadband opportunity will require more discussion. But Councilmember Emerald says it's one way to offer low income kids and families the chance they need to access the web for greater educational opportunity and success. We'll keep you "checked in."

Traffic Signals for College Avenue

If you thought you saw Councilmember Emerald with a jack hammer on College Avenue one recent morning, you don't need to have your eyes checked. It was Marti, all right. The Councilmember was rooting on a construction crew installing new synchronized traffic lights on the busy street at Arosa and Adams. College Area residents finally get their wish, saying the traffic lights are badly needed to make



College Avenue safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. The underground sensors are now installed. Customized lighting poles and hardware are being made and should be ready for installation by mid-June.

Celebrating Community



Clockwise from the top left to right: Marti honors the Imagination Club from Torrey Pines Elementary for their leadership and social action; Marti attends a special concert with Su Nguyen and the Little Saigon Foundation; Team Emerald assists Ocean Discovery Institute with a cleanup at Swan Canyon; Marti with Councilmember Todd Gloria at the 70th Anniversary of the Big Sisters League of San Diego; Marti presents the SD Police Department with a proclamation for Law Enforcement Memorial Day honoring those noble officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.



**Don't forget
to plan some-
thing special
for Mothers
Day,
Sunday
May 13**



**And, don't
forget to
honor our
fallen
heroes on
Memorial Day,
May 28**

May Community Events

Friday, May 4th - Alcohol-free Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Urban Village Park, 3795 Fairmount Ave., from 3 to 7 pm. Join the community of City Heights for an alcohol-free Cinco de Mayo celebration featuring Ballet Folklórico, Aztec Dancers, opportunity drawings, information booths, fun zone, delicious Mexican food and much more! This event celebrates City Heights youth leaders with awards in community service, leadership and innovation. For more information, contact Nancy at 619.283.9624 or visit <http://www.saysandiego.org/>.

Friday & Saturday, May 11-12 - Allied Gardens Annual SpringFest

The Annual SpringFest, will be held Friday, May 11th, 5 -11 pm and Saturday, May 14th, 9 am to 11:30 pm at the Allied Gardens Community Park, 5155 Greenbrier Ave. I hope you mark your calendar and plan to attend this exciting two-day event!

Friday, May 18th - Free Movie Night at Teralta Neighborhood Park

"TANGLED" shows at 8 pm. Bring a blanket, your family and snacks! Free popcorn will be provided. Hosted by the City Heights Community Development Corporation's Metro Villas Learning Center and City Heights Recreation Council.

Saturday, May 19 "Celebrating Community Gardens" in Tierrasanta

The San Diego Community Garden Network (SDCGN), a local nonprofit with the mission of supporting the growth of community gardens in San Diego County, kicks off the summer gardening season with this FREE event from 11 am to 5 pm at the TLC Giving Garden, 11240 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, Tierrasanta, 92124.

Saturday, May 19 - Annual Patriots Day Parade

One of Tierrasanta's most festive events, the parade marches from Serra High School to Vista Grande Church on Baroque Lane. The parade starts at 10 am. Don't forget the evening entertainment and dinner at the Tierrasanta Community Park 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. from 4:30 pm to 8 pm.

Saturday, May 19th - Mission Trails Day

Explore Mission Trails Day takes place from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information visit www.mtrp.org.

Monday, May 21st– The 1st Annual Patrick Henry High School Alumni Golf Tournament and Reunion BBQ

Held at the Admiral Baker Golf Course & Clubhouse. Registration will start at 11 am and the tournament begins at 12:30 pm. Golfers and BBQ Reunion attendees may pay their entrance fees electronically online at www.PatriotAlumni.org. Cost is \$100 per golfer, which includes BBQ and Tee Prize Package, or \$25 for just BBQ attendees.